

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please add the words shown by underline and delete the words shown by strikethrough.

1-45 (Canceled).

46 (Currently amended): ~~A composition comprising an~~ An isolated neural progenitor cell derived in vitro from a human embryonic stem cell, wherein the cell expresses nestin, wherein the cell has been stabilized by contact with MEDII conditioned medium for greater than 2 passages, and wherein the cell can differentiate into more than one type of further differentiated neural cell.

47 (Currently amended): The ~~composition~~ isolated neural progenitor cell of Claim 46, wherein the cell has been stabilized by contact with MEDII conditioned medium for greater than 5 passages.

48 (Currently amended): The ~~composition~~ isolated neural progenitor cell of Claim 46, wherein the cell has been stabilized by contact with MEDII conditioned medium for greater than 10 passages.

49 (Currently amended): The ~~composition~~ isolated neural progenitor cell of Claim 46, wherein the cell has been stabilized by contact with MEDII conditioned medium for greater than 20 passages.

50 (Currently amended): The ~~composition~~ isolated neural progenitor cell of Claim 46, wherein the cell has been stabilized by contact with MEDII conditioned medium for greater than 30 passages.

51 (Currently amended): The ~~composition~~ isolated neural progenitor cell of Claim 46, wherein the cell has been stabilized by contact with MEDII conditioned medium for more than one year.

52 (Cancelled).

- 53 (Currently amended): The ~~composition~~ isolated neural progenitor cell of Claim 46, wherein the MEDII conditioned medium is a HepG2 conditioned medium.
- 54 (Currently amended): The ~~composition~~ isolated neural progenitor cell of Claim 46 , wherein the MEDII conditioned medium is essentially serum free.
- 55 (Currently amended): The ~~composition~~ isolated neural progenitor cell of Claim 46 , wherein the MEDII conditioned medium comprises at least a biologically active component selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) a large molecular weight extracellular matrix protein;
 - (b) a low molecular weight component comprising proline;
 - (c) a biologically active fragment of any of the proteins or components described in a) or b);
 - (d) an analog of any of the proteins or components described in a) or b);
 - (e) a neural inducing factor; and
 - (f) any combination thereof.